

**Summary of Ph.D. Thesis**

**SYNTHESIS, ENZYMATIC RESOLUTION AND TRANSFORMATIONS OF  
ALICYCLIC *CIS*- AND *TRANS*-1,2-DIFUNCTIONAL COMPOUNDS**

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## 1. Introduction and aims

The synthesis and reactions of alicyclic *cis*- and *trans*-1,2- and 1,3-difunctional compounds (e.g.  $\beta$ -amino acids,  $\beta$ -hydroxycarboxylic acids, 1,3-aminoalcohols and their derivatives) have been examined in the Institute of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of Szeged for some time. These compounds are starting materials for the preparation of condensed-skeleton saturated heterocycles. The antimycotic effect of (1*R*,2*S*)-aminocyclopentanecarboxylic acid a structural compound of several antibiotics, was recognized some years ago. The synthesis and transformations of cyclopentane- and cyclohexane-fused 1,2- and 1,3-difunctional compounds are widely known, but few publications have appeared on the cycloheptane and cyclooctane derivatives and especially the higher ring homologues.

The aims of my Ph.D. work were

- ❖ the synthesis and enzymatic resolution of cycloheptane-, cyclooctane- and homoadamantane-fused *cis*-, and cyclododecane-fused *cis*- and *trans*- $\beta$ -amino acids, together with their  $\beta$ -lactam derivatives;
- ❖ the preparation and structure elucidation of several pyridopyrimidin-4-one and pyridoquinazolin-11-one derivatives;
- ❖ the basic isomerization of the homologues *cis*- and *trans*- $\beta$ -hydroxycycloalkanecarboxylic acids;
- ❖ the preparation of cyclic  $\beta$ -hydroxycarboxylic acids, alicycle-condensed  $\beta$ -lactams and their derivatives as model compounds for X-ray diffraction studies.

## 2. Results and discussion<sup>1</sup>

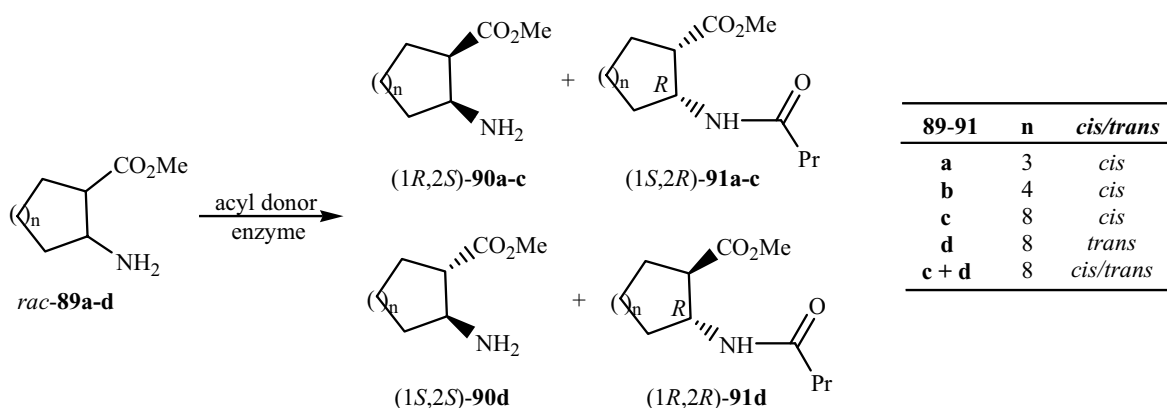
2.1. I carried out the synthesis and enzymatic resolution of cyclooctane-fused *cis*-, and cyclododecane-fused *cis*- and *trans*- $\beta$ -amino acids and their ester derivatives (*rac*-**89a-d**), and cycloheptane-, cyclooctane-*cis*- (*rac*-**95a,b**), cyclododecane-*cis*- and -*trans*-condensed *N*-hydroxymethyl- $\beta$ -lactams (*rac*-**95c,d**).

2.2. *Rac*-**89a-c** (*cis* isomers) and *rac*-(**89c+89d**) (*cis:trans*= 1:2) were subjected to acylation with a *Candida antarctica* lipase A (CAL-A) preparation in the presence of 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl butanoate in diisopropyl ether. Excellent enantioselectivity in terms of the *E* values was attained for the *cis*-amino esters (**89a-c**), while the *trans* isomer (**89d**) in the *cis/trans* mixture (**89a+89d**) reacted with negligible enantioselectivity.

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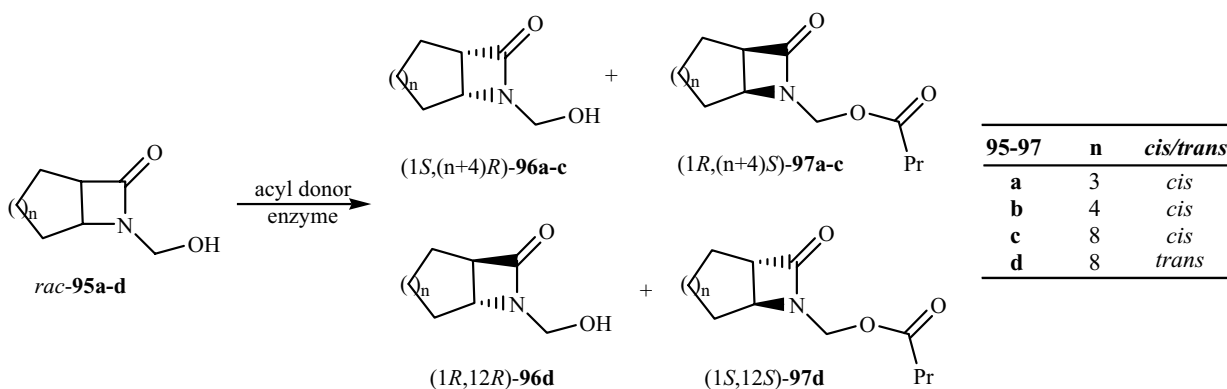
<sup>1</sup> The numbering is that featuring in the dissertation.

The reactivity of the *cis* isomers decreased considerably with increasing size of the alicyclic ring. Conversions of 48% for **89a** and 34% for **89b** were observed at room temperature after 1 h when 20 mg/ml of the enzyme preparation was used, whereas there was no reaction in the case of **89c+89d** as substrate after 2 days, even though the enzyme content was high (50 mg/ml).



In the case of **89c+89d**, on use of another solvent (acetone or acetonitrile) and another enzyme [*Pseudomonas cepacia* (lipase PS), *Candida antartica* lipase B (CAL-B)], the reactivity did not change. When 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl chloroacetate was used with lipase PS in diisopropyl ether, a chemical reaction strongly disturbed the enzymatic acylation. For the *cis* substrate **89c** elevated temperature (47 °C) was necessary for the acylation to proceed.

2.3. For enzymatic resolution, cycloheptane-, cyclooctane-*cis*- (**95a,b**), and cyclododecane-*cis*- and -*trans*-condensed (**95c,d**) *N*-hydroxymethyl- $\beta$ -lactams were subjected to lipase-catalysed acylation in dry acetone with a lipase PS preparation in the presence of 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl butanoate or vinyl butyrate. In the cases of substrates *rac*-**95b-d**, the acylation reactions with vinyl butanoate in the presence of lipase PS tended to stop at an early stage.

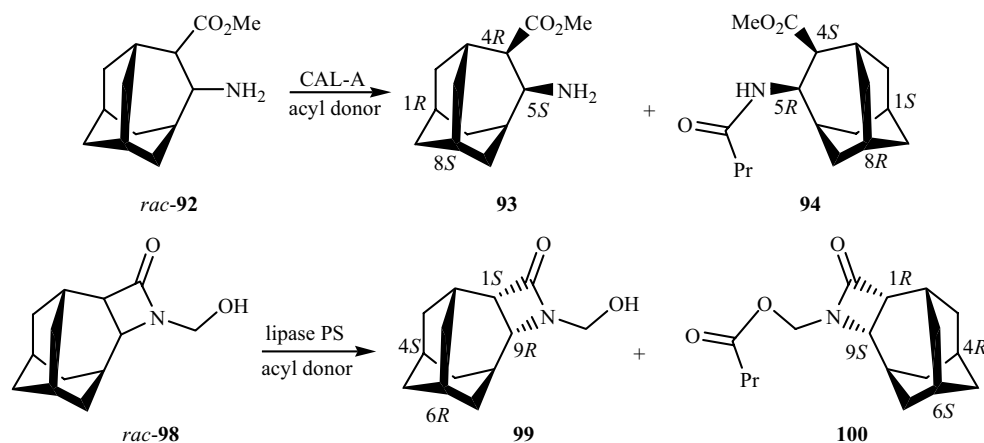


The same reactions with CAL-B and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* (PPL) proceeded, but unfortunately with low selectivity for *rac*-**95a-c**. For resolution of the *trans*- $\beta$ -lactam analogue (**95d**), CAL-B-catalysed acylation with vinyl butanoate in proved most appropriate.

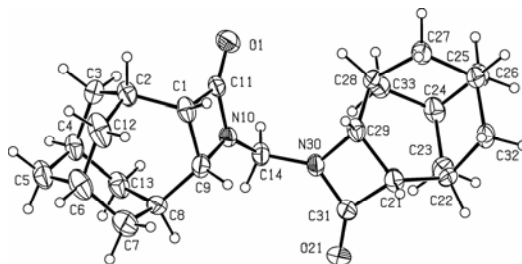
2.4. The enantiopure compounds (**90**, **91**, **96**, **97**) were prepared by gram-scale resolution. The absolute configurations were determined by using earlier data, which indicated that – under the given conditions – the  $[1R,(n+4)S]$  ( $n = 1, 2$ ) enantiomer of *N*-hydroxymethyl- $\beta$ -lactams reacted. Opposite enantiodiscrimination was found for the acylation of alicyclic  $\beta$ -amino esters (**89a-d**) and for the lipase-catalysed acylation of the corresponding *N*-hydroxymethyl- $\beta$ -lactams (**95a-d**). On the basis of these data, the more reactive enantiomer of *rac*-**89a-c** is (1*S*,2*R*), while that of *rac*-**89d** is (1*R*,2*R*).

2.5. The homoadamantane-condensed racemic  $\beta$ -lactam was synthesized from homoadamant-4-ene by chlorosulfonyl isocyanate addition. From this compound, the  $\beta$ -amino ester (**92**) and *N*-hydroxymethyl  $\beta$ -lactam (**98**) were prepared.

2.6. *Rac*-**92** and *rac*-**98** were acylated with 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl butanoate in the presence of CAL-A and lipase PS in diisopropyl ether and acetone, respectively. The reactions displayed excellent enantioselectivity ( $E \gg 200$ ).



2.7. The enantiopure compounds (**93**, **94**, **99**, **100**) were prepared by gram-scale resolution. The absolute configurations of the unreacted starting materials (**93**, **99**) and the products (**94**, **100**) were determined by X-ray examination of a dimer (**101**), prepared from the unreacted enantiomer of *N*-hydroxymethyl-azetidinone (**99**) under acidic conditions.



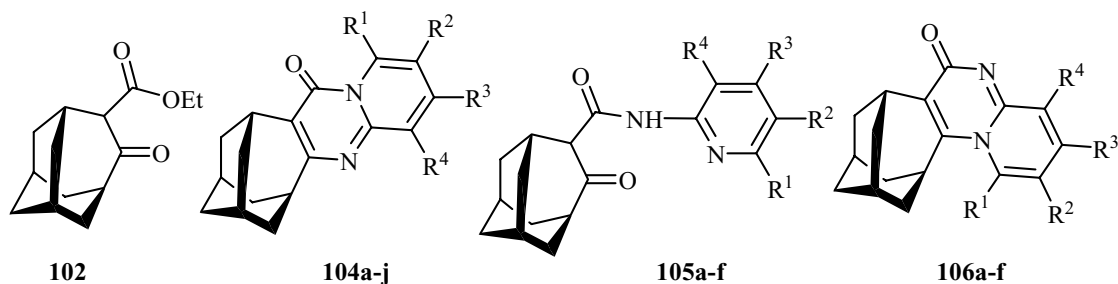
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2.8. As a continuation of our work on fused-skeleton saturated and partially saturated heterocycles, I performed the preparation and investigation of several homoadamantane-fused pyridopyrimidinones.

The reactions of ethyl 5-oxotricyclo[4.3.1.1<sup>3,8</sup>]undecane-4-carboxylate (**102**) with methyl-substituted 2-aminopyridines in polyphosphoric acid (PPA) gave two products, linearly-condensed pyridopyrimidinones **104a–c** and 2-pyridylcarboxamides **105a–c**, whereas the reactions with amino, hydroxy and nitro derivatives of 2-aminopyridine furnished only linearly-condensed pyridopyrimidinones (**104g–j**).

Use of a mixture of PPA and phosphorus oxychloride as solvent afforded both linearly- (**104a–c, e, f**) and angularly-condensed (**106a–c, e, f**) pyridopyrimidinones.

In toluene, with *p*-toluenesulfonic acid as catalyst, 2-pyridylcarboxamides **105a–f** were obtained. In a mixture of PPA and phosphorus oxychloride at 80-120 °C, **105a–f** yielded angularly-condensed pyridopyrimidinones **106a–f**.



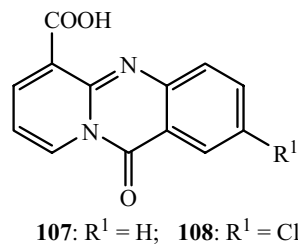
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a	a	a	H	H	Me	H
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c	c	c	Me	H	H	H
	d	d	H	H	H	H
e	e	e	H	Br	H	H
f	f	f	H	Cl	H	H

104	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>
g	NH <sub>2</sub>	H	H	H
h	H	H	H	OH
i	OH	H	H	H
j	H	NO <sub>2</sub>	H	H

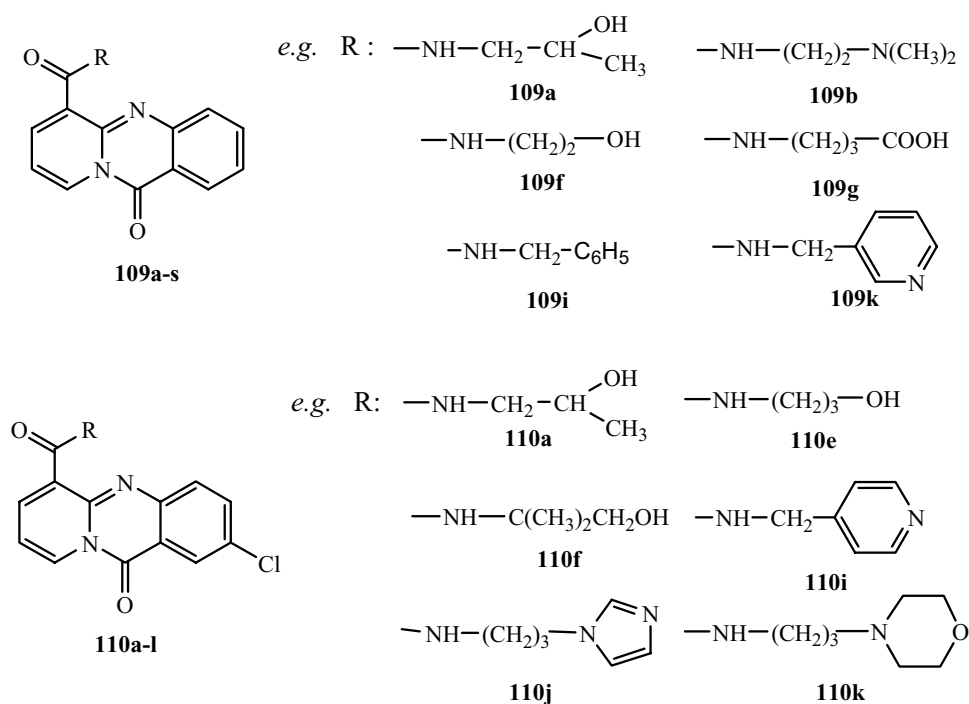
The structures were determined by NMR, MS and X-ray crystallographic methods.

2.9. Pyrido[2.1-*a*]quinazolin-11-one and its carboxylic acid derivatives are of pharmaceutical importance (*e.g.* antiallergic, antitumour and analgetic effects). For this reason, I prepared

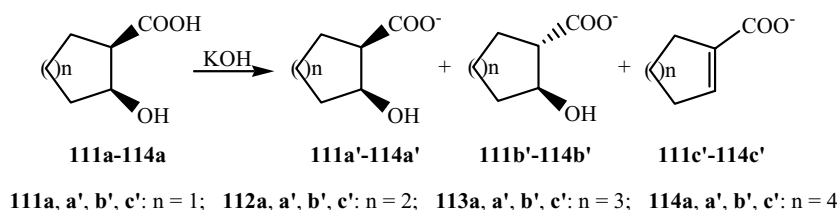
11-oxo-11*H*-pyrido[2,1-*a*]quinazoline-6-carboxylic acid (**107**) and 14-chloro-11-oxo-11*H*-pyrido[2,1-*a*]quinazoline-6-carboxylic acid (**108**) and the carboxamide derivatives.



I synthesized these tricyclic carboxylic acids (**107**, **108**) through the reactions of 2-chloro-nicotinic acid with anthranilic acid and with 5-chloroanthranilic acid at elevated temperature (130 °C and 160 °C), respectively. **107** and **108** were reacted with primary or secondary amines to give carboxamides, **109a-s** and **110a-l**.



2.10. The *cis-trans* isomerization of homologous 2-hydroxycycloalkanecarboxylic acids in strongly basic aqueous solution was studied by starting from the *cis* isomers.



It was found that the cyclopentane, cyclohexane and cycloheptane homologues afforded synthetically useful amounts of the *trans* acids, and the procedure resulted in relatively small quantities of the corresponding olefinic acids. In contrast, the isomerization of *cis*-2-hydroxy-

cyclooctanecarboxylic acid produced roughly equal amounts of the *cis* and *trans* isomers and 1-cyclooctenecarboxylic acid at equilibrium.

The reaction rates in the homologous series differed. The measured composition *vs* time points were fitted numerically according to a pseudo-first-order reaction; in the knowledge of this, the reaction constants were determined.

2.11. The stereohomologous *cis*- and *trans*-2-hydroxycycloalkanecarboxylic acids were used for the study and prediction of hydrogen-bonding patterns and other supramolecular phenomena.

We earlier demonstrated that the crystals of **111b**, **112a** and **113a** are isostructural and are built up by the antiparallel association of heterochiral chains. It was found that, besides the chains, the dimers joined by the hydrogen-bonds that cross-link the chains may also be regarded as basic building blocks. This approach led to the derivation of a further possible structure, which was exhibited by the crystal structures of *trans*-2-hydroxycyclooctanecarboxylic acid (**114b**) and *trans*-2-hydroxycyclooctanecarboxamide.

We prepared two polymorphs of *trans*-2-hydroxycycloheptanecarboxylic acid (**113b**).

The influence of steric factors were modelled on hydrogen-bonding in the case of  $\beta$ -lactams. **17** and **18** form isostructural racemic crystals, while their cycloheptane analogue (**19**) undergoes spontaneous resolution. The hydrogen-bonds link the molecules into helices in all three crystals. The unit lengths of these helices increase increasing ring size. In the polymorphs of *trans*-13-azabicyclo[10.2.0]tetradecan-14-one (**115**) (crystallized from methanol and acetone), the lengths of the helices differ considerably. The difference results from the different roles of the acceptor *O* lone pairs.

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